CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	IMG_0671
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600211.015
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	19 May 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	18 May 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it depicts a woman sexually abusing a boy, who presents as an older child or younger teen, by engaging him in a sexual act. The publication legitimises and perpetuates the idea that children or young persons are sexually available, and are appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention. Therefore it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young from sexual exploitation.